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FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

EO. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PROSPECTS OF A SYRIAN NEGOTIATION

REF: SECTO 11005

1. I SAW RABIN TODAY AND CARRIED OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTTEL, NOTING THAT THE SAME POINTS WERE BEING MADE TO DINITZ IN WASHINGTON. (RABIN SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET SEEN ANY REPORT FROM DINITZ).

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2. RABIN SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR UP

ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH MAY POSSIBLY CLOUD OUR RELATIONS.
HE WANTED THE SECRETARY TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS THAT HE, AS

A PRIME MINISTER, FACES WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE CABINET,
WITH THE KNESSET, AND IN GENERAL WITH THE ISRAELI PUBLIC.
HE NOTED THAT OPPOSITION LEADER BEGIN HAD CLEVERLY ATTEMPTED
TO EXPLOIT IN THE KNESSET DEBATE PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT
TO DADAT THAT HE WOULD NOT TOLERATE STAGNATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
IN DOING SO, BEGIN'S EFFORT WAS TO DOWNGRADE RABIN'S
STATEMENT IN THE DEBATE THAT THE INTERIM AGREEMENT OFFERED
REAL PROSPECTS OF RELAXED TENSIONS AND PRESSURES IN THE AREA
FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. AS BEGIN PUT IT, ISRAEL NOW FACES
IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA AND A FURTHER SURRENDER
OF ISRAELI-HELD TERRITORY WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE
THE COUNTRY'S SECURITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE KNESSET
DEBATE, FAVORABLE THOUGH IT WAS, HAD STIRRED PUBLIC UNEASINESS
AS TO WHAT LIES AHEAD; IT WAS TO ASSUAGE SUCH FEARS THAT HE AS
PRIME MINISTER FELT COMPELLED TO SPEAK PUBLICLY ON THE SYRIAN
ISSUE.

3. RABIN POINTED OUT THAT WHAT HE HAD STATED PUBLICLY WAS
CONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION HE HAD TAKEN IN WASHINGTON IN
JUNE, WHEN HE HAD INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR
SOME MOVE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA SOON AFTER COMPLETION
OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. IF, AS BOTH THE SECRETARY
AND HE SUSPECTED, NOT ENOUGH IN THE WAY OF TERRITORIAL CHANGES
COULD BE OFFERED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO SATISFY SYRIA, HE
WOULD THEN CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME MINOR "COSMETIC"
TERRITORIAL CHANGES MIGHT BE UNILATERALLY IMPLEMENTED BY
ISRAEL. THE SECRETARY SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAD NO MANDATE
FROM THE CABINET OR ANYBODY ELSE TO NEGOTIATE WITH
SYRIA, AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT HE HAD TO BE CAREFUL
IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS TO AVOID LEAVING THE IMPRESSION
THAT HE HAD EXCEEDED THE AUTHORITY ACCORDED HIM BY THE CABINET.
IT WAS HIS PLAN TO GO BEFORE THE CABINET BEFORE HIS NEXT VISIT
TO WASHINGTON, DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE SYRIAN NEGOTIATION
PROBLEM, AND GET THE CABINET'S AGREEMENT ON THE PARAMETERS
WITHIN WHICH HE CAN OPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES. BOTH THE
SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT (IN HIS TELEPHONE CALL) HAD SAID THAT
THEY HOPED RABIN COULD VISIT WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER SADAT.

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RABIN HAD TOLD THE PRESIDENT, HE SAID, THAT HE WOULD LIKE VERY
MUCH TO COME BUT NOT BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER.

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